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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6779

BILL NUMBER: SB 190

DATE PREPARED: Jan 16, 2002

BILL AMENDED: Jan 15, 2002

SUBJECT: Clerk's Issuance of Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that the clerk of the circuit court in each county may issue hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses. (Current law requires the clerk to issue the licenses.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues: (Revised) Currently, 13 of the 92 clerks have elected to provide licenses. The proposal will make the law conform to current practice. However, some clerks who are currently issuing licenses may elect not to provide them if they are aware of the option. If the provision results in fewer clerks offering licenses, revenue collected for the licenses may decline. However, individuals interested in obtaining a license locally may be able to use other local agents, such as retail stores that sell the licenses.

The Department collects over \$12 M in license fee revenue annually. Fee revenue is used to fund operations of the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the Division of Law Enforcement within the Department of Natural Resources

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Some clerks who are currently issuing licenses may elect not to issue them. Not issuing licenses could reduce expenditures by a minimal amount.

Explanation of Local Revenues: Electing not to offer licenses could reduce the \$0.75 fee that clerks are granted for issuing each license. (If the clerks use subagents to sell the license, the subagent retains \$0.50 of the \$0.75 service fee.)

State Agencies Affected: Department of Natural Resources.

Local Agencies Affected: Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Information Sources: (Revised) Linda Grass, Indiana Association of Clerks of the Circuit Court.